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"AN ACT CONCERNING TRUANCY."

1 Strike lines 7 to 41, inclusive, in their entirety and insert the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "(b) Each local and regional board of education shall adopt and
4 implement policies and procedures concerning truants who are
5 enrolled in schools under the jurisdiction of such board of education.
6 Such policies and procedures shall include, but need not be limited to,
7 the following: (1) The holding of a meeting with the parent of each
8 child who is a truant, or other person having control of such child, and
9 appropriate school personnel to review and evaluate the reasons for
10 the child being a truant, provided such meeting shall be held not later
11 than ten school days after the child's fourth unexcused absence in a
12 month or tenth unexcused absence in a school year, (2) coordinating
13 services with and referrals of children to community agencies
14 providing child and family services, (3) annually at the beginning of

15 the school year and upon any enrollment during the school year,
16 notifying the parent or other person having control of each child
17 enrolled in a grade from kindergarten to eight, inclusive, in the public
18 schools in writing of the obligations of the parent or such other person
19 pursuant to section 10-184, (4) annually at the beginning of the school
20 year and upon any enrollment during the school year, obtaining from
21 the parent or other person having control of each child in a grade from
22 kindergarten to eight, inclusive, a telephone number or other means of
23 contacting such parent or such other person during the school day and
24 (5) a system of monitoring individual unexcused absences of children
25 in grades kindergarten to eight, inclusive, which shall provide that
26 whenever a child enrolled in school in any such grade fails to report to
27 school on a regularly scheduled school day and no indication has been
28 received by school personnel that the child's parent or other person
29 having control of the child is aware of the pupil's absence, a reasonable
30 effort to notify, by telephone and by mail, the parent or such other
31 person shall be made by school personnel or volunteers under the
32 direction of school personnel. Such mailed notice shall be a written
33 letter and include a warning that two unexcused absences from school
34 in a month or five unexcused absences in a school year may result in a
35 complaint filed with the Superior Court pursuant to subsection (a) of
36 section 46b-149 alleging that acts or omissions of the child are such that
37 the child is from a family with service needs. Any person who, in good
38 faith, gives or fails to give notice pursuant to subdivision (5) of this
39 subsection shall be immune from any liability, civil or criminal, which
40 might otherwise be incurred or imposed and shall have the same
41 immunity with respect to any judicial proceeding which results from
42 such notice or failure to give such notice."

43 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
44 internal references accordingly:

45 "Sec. 501. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions
46 of subsection (m) of section 10-145b of the general statutes, for the
47 school year commencing July 1, 2010, those teachers (1) who began in a
48 beginning educator program, pursuant to section 10-145b of the

49 general statutes, revision of 1958, revised to January 1, 2009, but have
50 not completed that program as of July 1, 2009, and participate in the
51 teacher education and mentoring program, pursuant to section 10-145o
52 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, during the 2010-2011
53 school year, (2) who are not eligible for a provisional educator
54 certificate because such teachers have not completed the teacher
55 education and mentoring program, and (3) whose initial educator
56 certificate is due to be renewed, shall not be responsible for paying the
57 State Board of Education the nonreturnable fee of two hundred dollars
58 for reissuance of such teacher's initial educator certificate.

59 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (m) of section 10-
60 145b of the general statutes, for the school year commencing July 1,
61 2010, those teachers (1) who began in a beginning educator program,
62 pursuant to section 10-145b of the general statutes, revision of 1958,
63 revised to January 1, 2009, but have not completed that program as of
64 July 1, 2009, and participate in the teacher education and mentoring
65 program, pursuant to section 10-145o of the general statutes, as
66 amended by this act, during the 2010-2011 school year, (2) who are not
67 eligible for a provisional educator certificate because such teachers
68 have not completed the teacher education and mentoring program,
69 and (3) who have renewed their initial educator certificates prior to the
70 effective date of this section, shall pay to the State Board of Education a
71 nonreturnable fee of seventy-five dollars for a provisional educator
72 certificate upon completion of the teacher education and mentoring
73 program.

74 Sec. 502. Subsection (g) of section 10-145o of the 2010 supplement to
75 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
76 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2010*):

77 (g) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (h) of this section,
78 for the school year commencing July 1, 2010, beginning teachers who
79 hold an initial educator certificate and have not participated in any
80 beginning educator program as of July 1, 2009, shall participate in the
81 teacher education and mentoring programs as follows:

82 (1) Beginning teachers in the following subject areas and
83 endorsement areas shall be required to successfully complete the
84 teacher education and mentoring program in full: Elementary
85 education, English and language arts, mathematics, science, social
86 studies, special education, bilingual education, music, physical
87 education, visual arts, health, world languages and teachers of English
88 as a second language.

89 (2) Beginning teachers in any other endorsement area and whose
90 primary function is providing direct instruction to students shall be
91 required to successfully complete one year of mentorship and two
92 instructional modules."